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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WILLIAM DURNEY

REFERENCE (A) USDOC 01441, (B) ABIDJAN 1103

1. WILLIAM DURNEY HAS RETURNED TO ABIDJAN AND CALLED
ONCE MORE ON EMBASSY, MANILY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED IN OBTAINING VISA FOR GABON. HE HAS VISITED
A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO FIND
A USE FOR CERTAIN FISHING BOATS WHICH HE CLAIMS TO OWN AND
TO HAVE EVACUATED FROM ANGOLA.

2. WHEN ASKED TO CLARIFY THE OWERSHIP OF CARNATION
SEAFOODS TRADEMARK, DURNEY REPLIED THAT HE WAS SOLE
OWNER OF MARK, BUT THAT IT WAS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN US
BY A SUBSIDIARY OF SPRING MILLS, INC. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN
HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH VAN CAMP, OTHER THAN TO STATE THAT
THE FIRM WAS INDEED OWNED BY RALSTON PURINA AND NOT BY
STOKELY VAN CAMP, AND THAT HIS FIRM TRADES IN FISH BOTH
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WITH VAN CAMP AND STARKIST. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN RELATIONSHIP,

IF ANY, WITH SEABROOK FOODS.

3. SOGIP ADVISES THAT FIRM RECEIVED TELEX NUMBER 006
OF JAN 14 FROM VAN CAMP, SAN DIEGO, ASKING ZIDI TO MEET
DURNEY AT AIRPORT JAN 17. TELEX WAS UNSIGNED. ZIDI
REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT DURNEY'S BOATS ARE TOO SMALL FOR
USE IN THIS AREA AS THEY ARE SUITED ONLY FOR BAIT FISHING.

4. DURNEY MADE MUCH OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS "AMBASSADOR"
OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN CONNECTION WITH SISTER CITY PROGRAM.
HE DISPLAYED A BRASS POLICE-TYPE BADGE AND INDICATED THAT
HE WAS ONE OF 200 ANGELENOS SO HONORED. SMITH

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